

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 9 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising: accepting information at a server regarding an article to be delivered from a sender to a receiver;

accepting at said server an electronic message containing a personal message addressed from the sender of the article to the receiver of the article by associating the electronic message with said article; updating said electronic message associated with said article before receiving notification that delivery of said article is completed; and

sending from said server said electronic message associated with said article to a receiver of said article at a time of receiving notification that delivery of said article is completed.

2. (currently amended) A method for delivering messages, the method comprising: accepting information at a server regarding an article to be delivered from a sender to a receiver;

accepting at said server an electronic message containing a personal message addressed from the sender of the article to the receiver of the article by associating the electronic message with said article; and

sending from said server said electronic message associated with said article to a terminal of a deliverer who delivers said article accepting information at the terminal of the deliverer regarding said article to be delivered and said electronic message associated with said article from said server;

sending from said terminal of the deliverer said electronic message associated with said article to a receiver of said article at a time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of said article is completed.

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A computer readable medium including a program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered from a sender to a receiver;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message containing a personal message addressed from the sender of the article to the receiver of the article by associating the electronic message with said article;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for updating said electronic message associated with said article before receiving notification that delivery of said article is completed; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending the electronic message associated with said article to a receiver of the article at a time of receiving notification that delivery of the said article is completed.

6. (currently amended) A computer readable medium including a program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered from a sender to a receiver;

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting an electronic message containing a personal message addressed from the sender of the article to the receiver of the article by associating the electronic message with said article; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending said ~~the~~ electronic message associated with said article to a terminal of a deliverer for sending said electronic message to a receiver of said article at a time of completing of ~~the~~ delivery of said article.

7. (currently amended) A computer readable medium including a program executed on a computer for delivering messages, the program comprising:

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered from a sender to a receiver and an electronic message containing a personal message addressed from the sender of the article to the receiver of the article associated with the article from a server; and

a section for causing the computer to function as a unit for sending said electronic message associated with said article to a receiver of the article at ~~the a~~ time of accepting input

which indicates that delivery of said article is completed.

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A unit for delivering messages, the unit comprising:

a section for accepting information regarding an article to be delivered from a sender to a receiver and an electronic message containing a personal message addressed from the sender of the article to the receiver of the article associated with the article from a server; and

a section for sending said electronic message associated with said article to a receiver of said article at a time of accepting input which indicates that delivery of said article is completed.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)